

**HENDRICKS COUNTY COUNCIL 2021 BUDGET WORKSHOPS FOR 2022 BUDGETS**  
**AUGUST 3, 2021, AUGUST 4, 2021 & AUGUST 5, 2021**

The Hendricks County 2022 Budget Workshops were held August 3, 4, & 5, 2021. Those present were David Cox, Kendall Hendricks, Larry Hesson, Larry Scott, Eric Wathen, Brad Whicker, David Wyeth, with attendance as noted each day, and Financial Administrator Tami Mitchell and Auditor Nancy Marsh. For clarity and transparency, the departments are listed in location order, with attendance and the date the action was taken.

**FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS**  
**08/04/2021**

Financial Consultant Greg Guerrettaz presented discussion points for the Sustainability Analysis and the 2022 Budget. Mr. Guerrettaz stated the county is in excellent financial condition and current fund balances; the 2022 Income Tax has a .9% increase for the total county; reviewing the allocation of income tax rates (reduce PSAP and create a new Public Safety LIT); phase in jail operating costs in 2022 from Jail Lit; considering moving 2021 supplemental income taxes to Rainy Day ; ARP 2021 additional appropriations and 2022 budget; pay 2022 possible reduction in Major Bridge; Heartland Crossing TIF bond payoff; Pittsboro TIF bond payoff; recommended paying off 2012 Wheel tax bonds; refinance the 2012 Fairground bond; and that he is not clear on the county's plan for raises and new hires; highway garage; bridge project and RRP.

**AUDITOR**  
**08/05/2021 (EW OUT)**

Auditor Marsh stated the Jail Operating *phase in* was started with the 2021 budget; the ARP receives the Council oversight through the additional appropriation process; that \$4,000,000 was put into the Rainy Day Fund in 2021 to cover the 2022 budget potential pandemic revenue shortfalls; and she expects the assessed values to grow around 10%. Auditor Marsh stated she has not received the Personal Property values and the Town of Plainfield's TIF neutralizations so certifying net assessed values by August 1, 2021 is out of her control.

Auditor Marsh stated it has been the Council's practice to put capital purchases under the Commissioner's budget but that is contrary to Government Accepted Accounting Procedures (GAAP) standards. Auditor Marsh explained that due to Hendricks County's Financials being under GAAP standards, the Council will now need to appropriate Capital Assets by department. Auditor Marsh stated adjusting entries have been made to the 2019 and 2020 Hendricks County financials to materially state the correct department the capital assets are attributed to. Auditor Marsh stated that she has spoken with Engineer John Ayers, Facilities Director Kevin Cavanaugh and IT Director Doug Morris who have considerable capital asset purchases and has reclassified many purchases that were identified as other services and charges to correctly reflect capital assets.

**COMMISSIONER DENNIS DAWES**  
**AUGUST 3, 2021**

Regarding the wage study, Commissioner Dennis Dawes stated he felt the Council made the right decision not to phase in the wages and recognizes that the Council needs to relook at some of the grades as some look out of whack. Commissioner Dawes stated that the Council should never think that it is over when it is over. Wages should be looked at to stay in the market range every two years.

**CLERK GENERAL / ELECTION GENERAL / ELECTION EDIT /**  
**CLERK'S PERPETUATION / ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING / CLERK'S IV-D INCENTIVE**  
**AUGUST 4, 2021**

Clerk Marjorie Pike presented the Clerk's 2022 budgets. There were no questions. It was moved by David Cox and seconded by Larry Hesson to approve the Supplies and Other Services and Charges line items in the Clerk's County General, Clerk's Record Perpetuation, Clerk's Elected Official Training, Clerk's IV-D Incentive and the Supplies and Other Services and Charges line items in the Election General Funeral Fund and the Personal Services, Supplies and Other Services and Charges in the Election EDIT Fund. Motion carried 7-0.

**AUDITOR GENERAL / PLAT BOOK / ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING / FOOD & BEVERAGE / TIFS**  
**INSURANCE RAINY DAY / WHEEL & SUR COUNTY PORTION / CCD**  
**STATEWIDE 911 / DEBT FUNDS**  
**08/05/2021 (EW OUT)**

It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by David Cox to approve the Supplies, Other Services and Charges and Capital Outlay line items in the Auditor's budgets. Discussion was held on how much to fund the 41060 (Other Improvements) line items in the Heartland Crossing TIF and the Pittsboro TIF because the Auditor was not sure how much of the 2021 budget will be expended for repairs. It was the consensus to fund them as additional appropriations in 2022 if needed. Discussion was held on how much Statewide 911 Fund 1222 would be used to fund the Communications Center. It was the consensus to fund Statewide 911 line 30917 at \$3,000,000 for 2022 and use the Public Safety LIT for the remainder. Motion carried 7-0.

**TREASURER GENERAL / ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING**  
**08/05/2021 (EW OUT)**

It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by Kendall Hendricks to approve the Treasurer's 2022 General Fund and the Elected Officials Training Fund Supplies and Other Services and Charges as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**RECORDER'S PERPETUATION /**  
**IDENTIFICATION SECURITY / ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING**  
**08/05/2021 (EW OUT)**

Auditor Nancy Marsh stated the Recorder's entire budget is funded by the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund, including wages and benefits as well as bringing in approximately \$400,000 to the General Fund. It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by Brad Whicker to approve the Recorder's 2022 Identification Security County, Recorder's Perpetuation Fund, the Recorder's Elected Official Training Fund Supplies and Other Services and Charges as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**SHERIFF GENERAL / JAIL GENERAL / CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT /**  
**CORRECTIONAL FACILITY LIT / EDIT / SEX & VIOLENT OFFENDER**  
**08/05/2021 (EW OUT)**

Sheriff Brett Clark presented his 2022 Jail budget stating he was following the plan to add one new jailer a year in preparation of the new jail facility, and he is requesting such in the 2022 budget. Sheriff Clark stated he is requesting two new merit deputies in his 2022 Sheriff budget. Sheriff Clark stated he needs additional money in 30510 training and is requesting reducing 20302 Tires to \$20,000 and reducing Attorney to \$10,000 and adding the difference of \$9,621 to line 30510 Training for a total appropriation of \$34,621. It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by David Cox to approve the changes to line 30510; 20302 and



30200 as requested. Motion carried 6-0. It was moved by David Cox and seconded by Kendall Hendricks to approve and fund the two new merit deputies and one new jailer in the 2022 budget. Motion carried 6-0. It was moved by David Cox and seconded by Larry Scott to approve the Supplies, Other Services & Charges and Capital Outlays in the 2022 Sheriff's General Fund budget; Jail General Fund, Sheriff's Edit Project budget, Sheriff's Cumulative Capital budget, and Sheriff's Sex & Violent Offender budget as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Kendall Hendricks and seconded by Larry Scott to approve the Correctional Facility LIT operating phased in budget as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**SURVEYOR GENERAL / GENERAL DRAIN IMPROVEMENT /**  
**CORNERSTONE / ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING**  
**08/05/2021 (EW OUT)**

Surveyor David Gaston presented Surveyor General 2022 Surveyor's budgets. It was moved by Kendall Hendricks and seconded by Larry Hesson to approve the General Fund, General Drain Improvement, Cornerstone, and Elected Officials Training funds Supplies, Other Services and Charges and Capital Outlays as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**DRAINAGE BOARD**  
**08/05/2021 (EW OUT)**

It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by Larry Scott to approve the 2022 Drainage Board budget as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**CORONER GENERAL FUND**  
**08/05/2021 (EW OUT)**

Coroner Rick Morpew presented his 2022 budget. Coroner Morpew presented the Council with case load graph of the growth in Coroner cases between 2010 and 2020. Coroner Morpew stated the increased cases are due to illegal drug use; increased homeless population; aging baby boomers; ethnic population and religious beliefs, breakdown of the family units; health care system failure and insufficient mental health resources. Coroner Morpew stated the cases the number of cases in 2015 was 77 and in 2020 was 511. Coroner Morpew stated Hendricks County is experiencing 5 overdose deaths a month. Coroner Morpew asked for the Council's consideration to make the Chief Deputy Coroner a full time salaried position with benefits in 2022 and provided data to justify the change. It was moved by David Cox and seconded by Larry Scott to approve the request to move the Chief Deputy Coroner from part time to full time in 2022. Motion carried 6-0. It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by David Cox to create a new Professional Services line item funded in the amount of \$900.00 and reduce line 32800 by \$900 to \$6,100.00 and approve the 2022 Coroner's General Fund Supplies and Other Services & Charges accounts as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**PROSECUTOR GENERAL / CHILD SUPPORT GENERAL /**  
**PRE-TRIAL DIVERSIONS / IV-D INCENTIVE PROSECUTOR**  
**08/03/2021**

Hendricks County Prosecutor, Loren Delp, presented his 2022 budgets. Prosecutor Delp stated that while personal services will be acted on later, he remains concerned about the process, delay, and lack of transparency in the wage study process.

Prosecutor Delp stated he had applied for a new grant which would require three additional employees and space remains an issue.

It was moved by Eric Wathen and seconded by Larry Hesson to approve the Prosecutor's Supplies, Other Services & Charges and Capital Outlays as requested in the Prosecutor's General Fund, Child Support General Fund, Pre-Trial Diversions, and Title IV-D Incentive Motion carried 5-0 (DW/BW Out).

**ASSESSOR GENERAL / ASSESSOR'S DISCLOSURE FEES /  
REASSESSMENT / ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING FUND  
08/03/2021 & 08/05/2021 (EW OUT)**

(8.3.21) Assessor Nikki Lawson presented her 2022 budget. It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by Larry Scott to approve the Supplies, Other Services and Charges budgets as presented in the Assessor's General Fund, Disclosure Fees, and Elected Officials Training Fund. Motion carried 7-0.

Due to time constraints, the Council asked Ms. Lawson to return to the budget hearings on Thursday August 5, 2021 to further discuss her staff and space needs. On August 5, 2021 Ms. Lawson discussed the immediate need that was approved at the previous Council meeting changing one part time reassessment deputy to full time. Ms. Lawson said she simply cannot keep up and is also requesting two additional full time reassessment deputies for 2022.

It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by David Cox to approve the 2022 Reassessment Supplies and Other Services & Charges budget as presented with the addition of the two new residential deputies. Motion carried 6-0.

**PTABOA GENERAL  
08/05/2021 (EW OUT)**

It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by David Cox to approve PTABOA's General Fund Supplies and Other Services and Charges as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**EXTENSION GENERAL  
08/05/2021(EW OUT)**

It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by Kendall Hendricks to approve the Extension's 2022 General Fund Supplies and Other Services Charges, and Capital Outlays as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**PLANNING & BUILDING GENERAL  
08/05/2021 (EW OUT)**

It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by Brad Whicker to approve Planning & Building's 2022 budget's Supplies and Other Services and Charges as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**VETERANS SERVICE GENERAL  
08/05/2021 (EW OUT)**

Auditor Marsh stated the Auditor's Office has been providing the Veterans Office with supplies but since a new Veterans Service Officer was coming aboard, she recommends a \$500 Supplies budget be added to the budget. It was moved by David Cox and seconded by Larry Scott to approve the Veterans Service's Supplies



and Other Services and Charges as presented including the change from part time to full time for the Veterans Service Officer and Assistant Veterans Service Officer. Motion carried 6-0.

**FACILITIES / CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT**

**08/03/2021**

Facilities Director Kevin Cavanaugh presented his General Fund and Cumulative Capital Development Fund budgets. Mr. Cavanaugh stated he is requesting a new Part Time Seasonal Laborer line item. It was moved by Kendall Hendricks and seconded by David Cox to approve the new line item as presented and Mr. Cavanaugh was instructed to submit a job description to Human Resources. Motion carried 6-0. (EW Out)

Mr. Cavanaugh discussed the potential of eligibility for the American Rescue Plan funds which would free up dollars in the budget for future needs. It was moved by David Cox and seconded by Brad Whicker to approve Facilities General Fund and Cumulative Capital Development Supplies, Other Services and Charges and Capital Outlays as presented. Motion carried 6-0. (EW Out)

**COMMISSIONER'S GENERAL / EDIT / FOOD & BEVERAGE**

**08/05/2021 (EW OUT)**

Commissioners Phyllis Palmer, Dennis Dawes and Bob Gentry presented their 2022 budgets. It was the consensus of the Council to ask the Commissioners to reconsider their 10% reduction plan for the Hendricks College Network, Hendricks County Senior Services, Sycamore Services and Link Hendricks County. Councilman Hesson stated that Hendricks College Network does not think their budget is sustainable with the 10% cuts continuing. It was noted that the Hendricks College Network Director, Brandy Perrill had not received a raise in 5 years and purchases her own health insurance on the market. Commissioner Palmer stated the original concept of cutting by 10% until zero support was achieved was suggested by former Commissioner Matt Whetstone. Commissioner Palmer stated the current Commissioners had discussed this and were amenable to discontinuing the 10% cuts.

Discussion was held between the Commissioners and the Council about how those four non-profit organizations provided a valuable service to all citizens in Hendricks County and the Council asked for the Commissioner's consideration in taking the appropriation back to the 2014/2015 level. Councilman Kendall Hendricks asked if there was room for a compromise in the amounts.

Councilman Larry Hesson stated he was concerned about the significant cut to CIRT and believed it performs a valuable service. Councilman Hesson stated he serves on the Board and does not feel comfortable serving on the Board with the large cut. Commissioner Dennis Dawes stated he understood Mr. Hesson's position. Commissioner Palmer stated the Commissioners had learned the other counties involved had discontinued their contributions.

It was moved by Larry Hesson to reinstate the amount of \$18,706 to the CIRT line 33214. The motion died for a lack of second. It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by David Cox to increase line 33217 to \$17,000 in the 2022 budget. Motion carried 5-1 (LH).

It was moved by Dave Cox and seconded by Kendall Hendricks to increase line 32100 Hendricks College Network to \$126,875 line 32105 Hendricks County Senior Services to \$20,000, line 32104 Sycamore Services to \$70,000 and line 32108 Link Hendricks County to \$10,000 reinstating to 2014/2015 levels and approve the remaining Supplies, Other Services & Charges, and Capital Outlays as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Phyllis Palmer stated the Fair Board had requested a slight increase from \$395,000 to \$402,00 for 2022 and the Commissioners agreed. It was moved by David Cox and seconded by Kendall Hendricks to approve the Commissioner's Food & Beverage budget as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Palmer stated she had attended the Indiana Sheriff's Association Annual Conference banquet and congratulated Hendricks County Sheriff, Brett Clark, currently serving as the President of the Indiana Sheriff's Association, on a job well done not only for the association but for the citizens of Hendricks County. Mrs. Palmer state we should all be very proud of his service to Hendricks County and the State of Indiana.

Commissioner Palmer stated that in past years, the Commissioners were provided a list of new employee requests and they were allowed to give recommendations. Mrs. Palmer stated that this year they were not given a list and requested that this process continue in the future. Auditor Nancy Marsh stated the Sheriff had sent a letter to the Commissioners with vehicle and staffing requests. Auditor Nancy Marsh stated IC 36-2-5-4 states *The County Executive shall review the statements and make its recommendations on them. Before August 20 the County Executive shall present the statements and recommendations to the County Fiscal Body.* Councilman Brad Whicker stated he appreciates the Commissioners input on new employee requests and is in favor of the process continuing.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**  
**08/05/2021 (EW OUT)**

It was moved by David Cox and seconded by Larry Scott to approve Emergency Management's Supplies, Other Services & Charges and Capital Outlays as requested. Motion carried 6-0.

**ENGINEERING GENERAL/ EDIT /**  
**CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT/LOIT SPECIALWHEEL TAX COUNTY PORTION**  
**08/03/2021**

Engineer John Ayers presented the Engineer's 2022 budgets. Auditor Nancy Marsh stated she had added the second half of the Avon Interlocal Agreement, line 39906 in the amount of \$875,000. It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by Larry Scott to approve the Engineer's Supplies, Other Services and Charges and Capital Assets in the Engineer's General Fund, EDIT Fund, CCD Fund, LOIT Special Fund and the Wheel Tax County Portion Fund. Motion carried 7-0.

**ANIMAL CONTROL GENERAL**  
**08/05/2021 (EW OUT)**

It was moved by David Cox and seconded by Kendall Hendricks to approve the Animal Control's 2022 General Fund Supplies and Other Services and Charges as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES GENERAL**  
**08/05/2021 (EW OUT)**

It was moved by David Cox and seconded by Larry Hesson to approve the Weights and Measure General Fund Supplies and Other Services and Charges as presented. Motion carried 5-0. (BW Out)

**COMPUTER CENTER GENERAL/ CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT /FOOD & BEVERAGE**  
**08/03/2021**



IT Director Doug Morris presented his 2022 Computer Center budget. Mr. Morris stated he is requesting line 14704 title be changed from Office Assistant/Scanning Tech to a Support Specialist. It was moved by David Cox and seconded by Larry Hesson to approve the job title as requested. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Morris discussed how the American Rescue Plan could potentially cover some IT improvements which would free up dollars in the budget for needed hardware and software.

It was moved by David Cox and seconded by Larry Scott to approve the Computer Center's Supplies, Other Services & Charges and Capital Outlays as presented. Motion carried 6-0. (EW Out)

**HUMAN RESOURCES GENERAL**

**08/05/2021 (EW OUT)**

It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by Brad Whicker to approve Human Resource's Supplies and Other Services & Charges as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**COUNTY COUNCIL GENERAL/FOOD & BEVERAGE/RAINY DAY / EDIT**

**08/05/2021 (EW OUT)**

Auditor Nancy Marsh stated she will calculate the benefit line items once the actual 2022 salaries are in place. Auditor Marsh stated the Cumulative Bridge and MVH benefits are being moved to the Council's General Fund budget as requested by the Commissioners to free up dollars for road and bridge projects. It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by Larry Scott to add line item 30200 Attorney to the Council's budget with on-call status to assist the Council. Motion carried 6-0. It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by David Cox to approve the Supplies and Services & Other Charges in the General, Food & Beverage, EDIT and Rainy Day Funds. Motion carried 6-0.

**PROBATION GENERAL / ADULT USER FEES / JUVENILE USER FEES /**

**PROBATION COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS / SUBSTANCE ABUSE USER FEES / HOME DETENTION FEES**

**08/04/2021**

Susan Bentley, Probation Director, presented Probation's 2022 budgets stating that the personal services lines for the Probation Officers had been adjusted to the required 2022 Minimum Salary Schedule for Probation Officers from the Judicial Conference of Indiana which increase is 1.5%. Ms. Bentley stated she is asking for the Council's consideration to move grant line 9122 line 15125 Pretrial Assessor, to the General Fund Budget. It was moved by Kendall Hendricks and seconded by Brad Whicker to approve moving line 15125 to General Fund. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by Larry Hesson to approve the Supplies, Other Services and Charges and Capital Outlay in the Probation General Fund, Adult User Fee fund, Juvenile Probation User Fee fund, Substance Abuse Program, Home Detention Fees and Probation Community Corrections. Motion carried 7-0.

**WORK RELEASE GRANT/PROJECT INCOME/GENERAL FUND**

**08/05/2021 (EW OUT)**

It was moved by David Cox and seconded by Larry Scott to approve Work Release's Grant, Project Income and General Fund Supplies and Other Services & Charges as presented. Motion carried 5-0. (BW Out)

**SOIL & WATER GENERAL/ SOIL & WATER GRANT**  
**08/04/2021**

Soil & Water, represented by Jeff Healy, Sara Creech and Mike Starkey, presented the 2022 Soil & Water Budget. Ms. Creech gave a presentation of the SWCD support for Veteran Training at Porter Farm LLC and requested the Council support of reallocating line 37800 Office Rent being reduced to zero and a new line 37800 Porter Farm Project be added in the amount of \$9,277. It was moved by Larry Scott and seconded by David Cox to approve the Soil and Water Supplies and Other Services and Charges as presented. Motion carried 7-0. Council President David Wyeth gave a brief history of the Porter Farm property and the Council thanked Ms. Creech for her important work to help veterans.

**PARKS & RECREATION GENERAL /**  
**PARK BOARD INNKEEPERS SHARE PARKS FOOD & BEVERAGE**  
**08/03/2021**

Park Director Ryan Lemley presented the 2022 Park budgets. Mr. Lemley explained some of the changes in his budgets. Mr. Lemley thanked those that attended the Grand Opening of the W. S. Gibbs Memorial Park. Mr. Lemley stated he is requesting a new overtime line item and a new Maintenance Technician in the Park Board Innkeeper's Budget. It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by Larry Scott to create a new overtime line item in the amount of \$4,000 and part time maintenance technician in the Park Board Innkeepers' Share as requested. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by Kendall Hendricks to approve the Park's budget Supplies, Other Services & Charges and Capital Outlays in the Park's General Fund, Park's Edit Project Fund, Park's Food & Beverage Fund and the Park Board Innkeeper's Fund. Motion carried 6-0. (BW Out)

Mr. Lemley gave the Council an update of future considerations of the Park Board which include expanding the footprint of the W.S. Gibbs Memorial Park by purchasing the Gibbs residence which includes a barn and 20 acres. Mr. Lemley stated they had two appraisals; one at \$580,000 and one at \$560,000 of which average is \$570,000. Mr. Lemley stated the plan would be to use the residence as a welcoming center and offices.

Mr. Lemley also reported they have applied for a Land & Water Conservation Grant which would require a \$500,000 match. Auditor Marsh stated she will research the potential for American Rescue Plan eligibility.

**COURT ADMINISTRATION GENERAL/ SUPPLEMENTAL PUBLIC DEFENDER /CASA/ADULT DISPUTE**  
**RESOLUTION / JURY FEES / SUPERIOR PROBLEM-SOLVING COURT FEES/**  
**TITLE IV-D INCENTIVE AND SUPERIOR IV**  
**08/03/2021**

Magistrate Joe Manning was present to request line 10115 Clerk be changed to Bailiff. Magistrate Manning stated the Clerk line has not been filled so money is available in the 2021 budget to accommodate this request in 2021 and is asking that it be approved in the 2022 budget. It was moved by Eric Wathen and seconded by Larry Scott to approve the request for the Clerk line 10115 be changed to Bailiff for the remainder of 2021 and into the 2022 budget. It was moved by Eric Wathen and seconded by Larry Hesson to approve the Supplies, Other Services and Charges and Capital Outlays in the Court Administration General Fund budget, Court Administration Supplemental Public Defender Fund, CASA, the Superior Alternative Dispute Resolution fund, Jury Fee Fund, and Superior IV as presented. Motion carried 7-0.



**YOUTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND SUPERIOR III GENERAL FUND YAP PROGRAM**

**08/05/2021 (EW OUT)**

Judge Karen Love discussed the success of the YAP program and stated there are 13 families and 21 children benefiting from the program. Judge Love requested that the full salary of the YAP Director be funded by the General Fund and is requesting the Administrative Assistant 15312 become Full Time and a new Part Time Administrative Assistant be funded in line 15311. Councilman Brad Whicker stated he would not be in favor of the County solely picking up the additional expenses. Councilman Whicker asked if the Town of Plainfield and Plainfield Schools are willing to proportionally pick up the added expenses. Councilman Whicker stated the budgets are approximately \$240,000 and would reasonably expect the Town of Plainfield and the Plainfield Schools to proportionately share the increased expense. It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by Larry Hesson to approve the County to fund a proportional share of the expense with the Town of Plainfield and Plainfield Schools and as other schools come on board the proportional share would be incurred by each addition to the costs of the YAP program. Motion carried 6-0. The Council recommended Judge Love reach out to Plainfield Town Manager, Andrew Klinger and Plainfield Schools regarding the proportional share.

**CLEAN WATER GENERAL**

**08/05/2021 (EW OUT)**

It was moved by Brad Whicker and seconded by Larry Scott to approve the Clean Water Supplies and Other Service and Charges as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**DRUG FREE COMMUNITY**

**08/05/21 (EW OUT)**

It was moved by David Cox and seconded by Kendall Hendricks to approve the 2022 Other Services & Charges budget as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER GENERAL**

**08/03/2021**

Chief Public Defender Jeremy Gooch presented his 2022 Public Defender budget. Mr. Gooch stated he has included personal services amount but realized they are decided at a later time. Mr. Gooch stated he is requesting a slight increase in line 20208 Investigation Material/Supply as program expenses creep higher. Mr. Gooch stated he is asking for a slight increase in the compensation paid to the majority of independent contractors which is roughly an 1.47% increase.

It was moved by Eric Wathen and seconded by Brad Whicker to approve the Public Defender's Supplies and Other Services and Charges as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**HIGHWAY / EDIT / CUMULATIVE BRIDGE / LOCAL ROAD & STREET / MAJOR BRIDGE /  
MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY / HIGHWAY WHEEL & SUR TAX / 267 RELINQUISH**

**08/03/2021**

Highway Engineer John Ayers presented the Highway budgets. Mr. Ayers stated the Major Bridge request is for Dan Jones Road bridge in Avon and the increased rate of .0333 approved last year is accumulating to use for that project. Auditor Nancy Marsh stated the Major Bridge Fund is outside the maximum levy and is rate limited. Auditor Marsh stated that the Commissioners had approved all benefits formerly in the Cumulative Bridge Fund and MVH Fund being moved to the County General Fund. This frees up dollars to be used on projects rather than benefits.

It was moved by Eric Wathen and seconded by Brad Whicker to approve the 2022 MVH, EDIT, Cumulative Bridge, Local Road & Street, Major Bridge, Highway Wheel & Sur Tax, and 267 Relinquish as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**HEALTH / CHILD HEALTH & OTHER SERVICES / 4014 GRANT**  
**08/03/2021**

Krista Click, Environmental Health Director presented the 2022 Health and Child Health & Other Services budgets. It was moved by Eric Wathen and seconded by Larry Scott to approve Health's Supplies and Other Service and Charges line items as presented. Motion carried 5-0. (BW/DW Out)

**4-H FAIR BOARD BUDGET**  
**08/05/21**

The 4-H Fair Budget was prepared by the Finance Committee and reviewed and approved by the Fair Board of Directors. The budget reflects the projected Innkeeper's amount of \$230,000 because the travel industry seems to be rebounding. The Board requested a \$402,000 contribution from the Commissioners. The Commissioner's requested contribution be increased to \$402,000. It was moved by Larry Hesson and seconded by David Cox to acknowledge the review and accept the Hendricks County 4-H Board Budget as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**HENDRICKS COUNTY TOURISM COMMISSION**  
**08/05/2021 (EW OUT)**

Jaime Bohler Smith, Executive Director of the Hendricks County convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. accompanied by Lew White, Board Treasurer, gave an update on how the pandemic had affected the tourist industry and were pleased to report a 2022 budget with an 35.8% increase in anticipated collections.

Ms. Bohler Smith stated the State Board of Accounts now requires the budgets be submitted separately under the Hendricks County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. and a Hendricks County Tourism Commission. Expenses for the Commission include the bond payment as well as the necessary payments for the buildings and land mortgages. The monies paid by contract to Hendricks County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc dba Visit Hendricks County continue to perform the destination management services. The Hendricks County Tourism Commission budget was approved at the July Tourism Commission meeting and the Tourism Commission reviewed the HCCVB, Inc. budget at the same meeting.

It was moved by Kendall Hendricks and seconded by Brad Whicker to acknowledge, review and accept the Hendricks County Tourism Budget and the Hendricks County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**HENDRICKS COUNTY COMMUNICATION CENTER**  
**08/04/2021 (EW OUT)**

Doug Burris, Director of the Hendricks County Communication Center and Steve Dyson, Financial Analyst for the Town of Plainfield, presented their 2022 budget. Mr. Burris stated the total 2022 budget with all projects and requested personnel totals \$5,370,436 which includes a 3% raise under the Town of Plainfield if adopted.

Mr. Burris reported on the Board's five-year plan as follows:



- 2022 - DiagnostX - \$30,000/Year Ongoing
- 2023 – AT&T Phone Switch - \$2,300,000 / Usually 10 Years  
Radio Replacement - \$35,000  
Rave Alert – Desktop Notifications / Unknown Cost
- 2024 - EPD ProQA - \$173,000 (One Time Cost)  
Radio Replacement - \$55,000  
Vehicle Replacement - \$45,000  
TCPR w/RQI - \$40,000 / 2 Years
- 2025 - TCPR w/RQI - \$40,000 / 2 Years  
Vehicle Replacement - \$55,000
- 2026 - UPS Battery Replacement - \$10,000  
Vehicle Replacement - \$55,000

Not addressed in the above numbers are county-wide warning sirens. Further information is needed to determine if sirens might be eligible for the American Rescue Plan funding.

Two outstanding items for discussion in 2021 are the Policy Analytics Contract which is still under legal review between Plainfield IT and Motorola (Reserve Funds are to be used) and Mass Communications. HCCC is moving to Rave Alert (\$40,000 for first 18 months and then \$22,000 annually starting in 2023 and will replace the Everbridge (contract concludes January 2022) that has an annual cost of \$30,000.

It was moved by Dave Cox and seconded by Larry Scott to acknowledge and accept the Hendricks County Communication Center budget as presented (including a 3% wage increase if granted by the Town of Plainfield), to be funded by the Statewide 911 Fund and the Public Safety LIT as determined by the County Auditor using the Statewide 911 Fund to its full extent maintaining an operating balance for future purchases. Motion carried 7-0. Under the Auditor's budget, \$3,000,000.00 was appropriated from Statewide 911 Fund 1222.

### **HENDRICKS COLLEGE NETWORK** **08/04/2021**

Brandy Perrill, Director of the Hendricks College Network discussed their goals, values, skills and vision. Ms. Perrill stated HCN had raised over 1 million to invest into training and provides service with community education and career fairs and guidance; Covid response with student laptop and hotspot grants; and MADE Education and Training Center (Make, Achieve, Design, Educate). Ms. Perrill stated they assist Workforce Development and partner with Hendricks Logistics Sector, Hendricks Healthcare Sector and HR Squaretable.

Ms. Perrill stated that Hendricks College Network continues to evolve, allowing HCN to address the needs of today. She stated the network cares about our neighbors, our businesses and our community. We want everyone who to choose Hendricks County as a place to live, work and play and to enjoy a high quality of life.

Councilman Larry Hesson stated the Commissioner's 10% cut hurts the College Network as well as the other not-for-profits. Councilman Hesson stated Ms. Perrill is invaluable and has not had a raise in 5 years and maintains her own health insurance through the marketplace. Discussion was held and it was the consensus of the Council to ask the Commissioners to freeze their yearly 10% cuts and/or reinstate their contribution to the Hendricks College Network.


**OTHER BUSINESS**

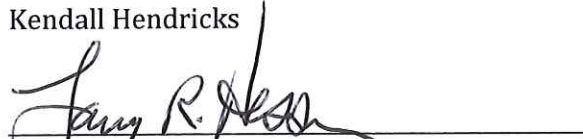
Auditor Nancy Marsh stated the Public Hearing will be held at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday October 5 and the Adoption will be held at a **special** Council meeting on Tuesday October 19, 2021.

There being no further business to come before the Council Budget Workshop, upon motion made by Larry Hesson and seconded by David Cox, the meeting was adjourned on Wednesday, August 5, 2021.


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